

Intelligence Agency Aides Testify

Daily News - 10 July 1963

German Spy Trial Enters Secret Session

KARLSRUHE, Germany, July 10 (UPI)—The prosecution called on West German Secret Service agents today to tell of their alleged betrayal to the Russians by two former colleagues on trial for high treason.

The West German Supreme Court went into closed session to hear testimony by representatives of Lieut. Gen. Reinhard Gehlen's Federal Intelligence Agency (FIA) known city as "Herr X," "Herr Y" or "Fau Z."

The defendants in the trial are Heinz Felfe, 45, former assistant chief of FIA counter-espionage; Hans Clemens, 61, another former FIA official; and Erwin Tiesel, 60, a Cologne lawyer. All are former Nazis who said they received their espionage training in Hitler's security service.

They have admitted receiving \$45,000 from the Russians for documents exposing West German secret service activity from 1961 to 1961.

Felfe and Clemens have testified passing the following information to Soviet agents, sometimes using Tiesel as courier:

- Photographs of FIA documents taken by miniature camera inside the heavily armed FIA headquarters near Munich.

- The cover names and real names of West German agents working in communist territory.

- Copies of the FIA's own weekly report of its activities.

The defendants said they used baby food cans and suitcases with hidden compartments to give the information to Russian agents in meetings arranged by password.

The trial started Monday and was expected to last into next week. The maximum penalty is 15 years in prison for each defendant convicted on the charges.

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCES METHODS EXEMPTION 3B2B
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2001 2005